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Briefing of [REDACTED] 11 February 1960 25X1X7

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1. [REDACTED] requested the meeting to be brought up to date on Soviet activities. The summary given him covered the arrival and activities of the Soviets at Lazaryev and at Mirnyy, the equipment delivered, an outline of their program, the degree of its completion to date, their mapping program, and the political overtones of Soviet propaganda on their own activities. Particular stress was laid on the continuation this season of the Soviet geophysical traverse and its great value to (1) the determination of a Soviet world geodetic system, (2) the development of a precise tracking facility between Mirnyy and Vostok for satellite tracking and space research, and (3) for a possible missile impact and nose cone recovery test in Antarctica. We discussed the latter point at length, particularly in the light of the Soviet Pacific missile test.

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[REDACTED] He appreciated being forewarned on the Antarctic test possibility and indicated that this will give his country an opportunity to prepare the strongest and earliest opposition to such a proposal in the event that the Soviets announce it as a "scientific" test activity.

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